

REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS AND RELIANCE ON FOSSIL FUELS

(Mr. McNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shine the light on the importance of reducing our carbon emissions and the role of electric vehicles in accomplishing that mission.

Today, we import about half the oil we consume, and approximately 70 percent of that is used in transportation. Consumers should have access to affordable transportation, such as electric vehicles that use little or no gasoline.

Our Nation's businesses are becoming more energy efficient, improving energy sources, and investing in cleaner transportation. The EV industry is a great job creator. For example, in my district, there is an EV company that is producing great vehicles and bringing hundreds of jobs to the region. Moreover, there's a regional transit district that's utilizing electric and hybrid vehicles.

EVs are one part of the solution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fighting climate change. They also play an important role in advancing a diverse American energy policy.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting clean electric vehicles on our roads and to make a commitment to reducing our reliance on fossil fuels.

IN MEMORY OF WADE WALTERS

(Mr. WOMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, it's with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the memory of a young man from my district killed in an industrial accident at Arkansas Nuclear One power generating facility.

Wade Walters was 24. He was a Russellville, Arkansas, resident and a graduate of Pottsville High School. He loved his job as an ironworker at Precision Surveillance Corporation and embraced all the outdoors had to offer, including bow fishing, hunting, shooting, canoeing, roping, and knife collecting.

Wade is survived by his father, James Keith Walters, of Dover, Arkansas; his mother, Susan Allen, and husband, Rusty; a sister, Chelsy; his grandparents, Tom and Bonnie Underhill; and the love of his life, Alyssa Alvey, all of Russellville.

Mr. Speaker, Wade gave a lot of himself. As a member of Russellville Christian Center, Wade went on numerous mission trips to Mexico to build housing for those in need. He had a big heart for his family and friends and was a constant source of inspiration to all he met.

We pray for peace and understanding for his family during this difficult time.

HONORING FRANCIS "DUTCH" HOWLAN

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Francis "Dutch" Howlan, who had resided in Amsterdam, New York, and who was posthumously inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame last month.

From 1953 to 1987, Dutch amassed 468 wins coaching at St. Mary's Institute and Bishop Scully High School, both in Amsterdam, New York. But he meant so much more than that impressive win total to our community and to the hundreds of student athletes he taught and mentored. His friends and former players remember him as a dedicated coach, an inspiring mentor, and a determined winner. As a fierce competitor, he preached a never-give-up attitude.

Twenty-four years after his passing, I am so pleased that Dutch has finally received this distinction. It is truly a testament to his character that his friends and players never gave up on their former coach's legacy, making this long overdue honor possible.

MEETING OUR DEBT CRISIS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, the President submitted his budget this week. His plan not only fails to get control of our debt, it makes it even worse—to the tune of nearly \$61,000 of debt for every American family.

American families know the consequences of living with debt. Credit card debt, mortgages, and student loans are just a few of the burdens working families and young adults struggle with—and budget to get out of—every month. Washington must do the same.

Our national debt eats away at the buying power of working families, seniors on fixed incomes, and students working their way through school, leading to higher prices for things like bread and milk and eroding hard-earned family savings.

We owe our families better. Politicians have talked long enough in Washington about tackling our debt. It's time for the President to get serious about the national debt and join us in putting our priority back on jobs and opportunity for American families. By acting boldly, we can translate talk into meaningful results.

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

(Ms. FUDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1120. I was raised in a union family. Labor, in fact, is the backbone of the middle class of America. This legislation is just another example of the Republican's assault on workers' rights.

H.R. 1120 effectively shuts down the National Labor Relations Board, strips away its enforcement powers, and leaves workers without any recourse to address employee intimidation, inadequate safety standards, and other unfair practices.

Throughout its history, 20 members have been recess-appointed to the NLRB, including 12 Republicans. In fact, every President since Ronald Reagan has appointed a member to the board through a recess appointments clause. Why should President Obama be treated any differently?

The bill is neither fair, nor is it just. I urge my colleagues to oppose this measure.

MILITARY JUDICIAL REFORM ACT

(Mr. MEEHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, just earlier this week, I was able to join with my colleague, Representative SPEIER from California, introducing legislation to protect victims of military sexual assault. That's the Military Judicial Reform Act.

In recognition of a victim who, having had a jury at a court-martial find a finding of guilt against an assailant, had it overturned by a general who convened that, now we are faced with a new opportunity in which new information is being put out outside the scope of that trial.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that we end this archaic practice and stop putting the victim on trial again and again.

This week Secretary Hagel called on Congress to remove the provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice that allow this proceeding to take place, and I urge my colleagues now to act together to end this archaic practice.

THE JOBS ACT

(Mr. ENYART asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the number one concern I hear when I'm home in southern Illinois is from families who are worried about jobs. They're worried about how to find a job and get back on their feet.

In southern Illinois, we know all too well how bad trade deals in Washington have given our working families a bum rap. We see good manufacturing jobs leave us. We see the empty factories, high unemployment rates, and lose faith in the future.